

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

(Special Original Jurisdiction)

W.P.Nos. 3656, 3660, 3662 & 3663 of 2021

(Public interest litigation)

Rangarajan Narasimhan,
M/50 Sanathana Dharmam
/Sri Vaishnavam
"Arangan Thirumutram"
Kollidam Road, 400m west of
Andavan Ashramam
Srirangam, Trichy - 620 006

... Petitioner

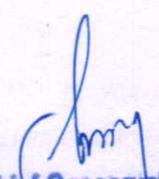
Vs.

1. The Chief Secretary
Government of Tamil Nadu
Secretariat, Chennai - 600 009
2. The Secretary, Department of Tourism,
Culture and Religious Endowments,
Secretariat, Chennai - 600 009
3. The Secretary, Department of Forests
Secretariat, Chennai - 600 009
4. The Commissioner, Hindu Religious &
Charitable Endowments Department, 119,
Uthamar Gandhi Salai,
Nungambakkam, Chennai - 600 034
5. The Joint Commissioner / Executive Officer
Shri Ranganatha Swamy Temple
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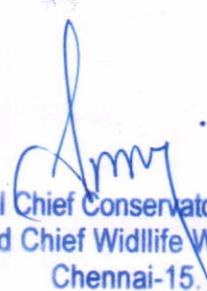
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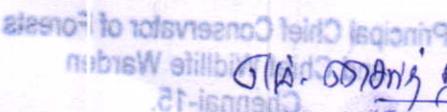

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5. Shri U.Ve.Kovil Vedavyasa Bhattar
Sthalathar, Hereditary Trustee,
Shri Ranganatha Swamy Temple,
rep by Shri U.Ve.Kovil Vedavyasa
Senthamarai Kannan Bhattar,
131/33, North Uthara Street,
Srirangam, Trichy - 620 006.
7. Shri U.Ve.Parasara Bhattar
Sthalathar, Hereditary Trustee,
Shri Ranganatha Swamy Temple
rep by Shri U.Ve.Thiruvengada Parasara
Bhattar, 231, South Uthra Street,
Srirangam, Trichy - 620 006.
8. Shri U.Ve.Ko.Ka.Va. Annan Rangachar
Sthalathar, Hereditary Trustee,
Shri Ranganatha Swamy Temple,
rep by Shri.U.Ve.Sudharshana Rangachar
121/70, East Chitra Street, Srirangam,
Trichy - 620006
9. Shri.Uthama Nambi
Sthalathar, Hereditary Trustee,
Shri Ranganatha Swamy Temple,
rep by Mr.Uthama Nambi
28/3, West Uthra Street,
Srirangam, Trichy - 620 006.
10. Mr.Venu Srinivasan
Non-hereditary Trustee, Shri Ranganatha
Swamy Temple, Srirangam, Trichy - 620 006
11. Dr.K.N.Srinivasan,
Non-hereditary Trustee, Shri Ranganatha
Swamy Temple, Srirangam, Trichy - 620 006
12. Mr.S.T.Rangachari
Non-hereditary Trustee, Shri Ranganatha
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13. Mrs. Kavitha Jagadeesan
Non-hereditary Trustee, Shri Ranganatha
Swamy Temple, Srirangam, Trichy - 620 006
14. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,
Panagal Maaligai, 1, Jennis Road
Saidapet, Chennai 600 015
15. The Chief Conservator of Forests,
Trichy Circle, J.K.Nagar,
Trichy - 620 023.
16. Animal Welfare Board of India
Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry
and Dairying, Govt. of India
(Department of Animal Husbandry and
Dairying) NIAW Campus, 42, Mile stone,
Delhi - Agra Highway NH-2
Ballabgarh, Haryana - 121 004.

.. Respondents

STATUS REPORT FILED BY THE 14th RESPONDENT

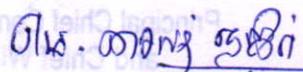
I, Dr. Shekhar Kumar Niraj, Son of Late Dr. Prasad aged about 57 years, employed as Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Chief Wildlife Warden, Panagal Maaligai, Saidapet, Chennai-15, do hereby solemnly affirm and sincerely state as follows:-

2. I am the 14th respondent herein and as such I am well acquainted with the facts of the case from the available records. I am filing the status report in response to the orders of the Hon'ble High Court of Madras dated: 23.02.2021, 27.04.2021, 30.06.2021 22.07.2021, 03.09.2021 and 24.09.2021.

3. It is respectfully submitted that this Writ Petition has been filed by the petitioner with prayer to issue a Writ of Mandamus or any

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other appropriate writ, order or directions in the nature of Writ of Mandamus directing

(a) the respondents 3 to 13 to allocate a minimum of 10 acres of land/grove for the Elephant Andal and Elephant Lakshmi on the banks of river Kollidam or any other suitable place as this Hon'ble Court deems fit and move Elephant Andal and Elephant Lakshmi to the allotted location.

(b) the respondents 14 to 16, to submit a white paper on the status of the welfare of the elephants, the periodical medical assistance provided to the captive elephants, the processes that are in place to monitor the captive elephants as per the statutory requirements and consequently direct the authorities to enforce the statutory requirements as per law.

(c) the respondents 3 to 13 to re-appoint Mr.Sridharan as mahout of Elephant Andal and Mr.Venkatesan as Mahout of the Elephant Lakshmi as per section 4(4) of the Tamilnadu Captive Elephants (Management and Maintenance) rules, 2011.

(d) the respondents 1 to 3 to allocate at least one male elephant to be housed either in Srirangam or M.R. Palayam Elephant Rescue center, to serve the 11 female elephants (7 in M.R.Palayam camp, 2 in Sri Ranganathaswamy Temple, 1 in Sri Jambugeswarar Temple and 1 in Sri Thayumana Swamy Temple) to enable them to reproduce in captivity.

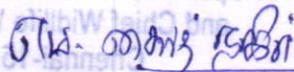
4) In this regard, the Hon'ble High Court, Madras has issued orders on 27.08.2021. The operative portion of the order is as follows:-

"It would be best if the District Level Committees for the welfare of elephants were set up immediately in all districts and the State Level Committee was also constituted with appropriate personnel. At least, the exercise should be commenced, so that

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the relevant committees may be in place a few months down the line”.

As per the order and in dealing with the matter the following, inter alia, are submitted categorically,

5) For compliance of the order, nominations have been called for from the District Forest Officers / Wildlife Wardens and Member Convener, District Level Captive Elephant Welfare Committees and nominations are being received from them. The details are mentioned below.

SI. No.	District	No of Private elephants	No of Temple elephants	No of total Captive Elephants	DLCEWC nominations
1	Kancheepuram	0	2	2	Received
2	Vellore	0	2	2	Not received
3	Tiruvannamalai	0	1	1	Received
4	Salem	0	1	1	Received
5	Coimbatore	0	1	1	Received
6	Erode	2	0	2	Received
7	Trichy	6	4	10	Received
8	Thanjavur	2	3	5	Received
9	Tiruvarur	0	1	1	Received
10	Nagapattinam	0	2	2	Received
11	Dindigul	1	1	2	Received
12	Madurai	5	3	8	Received
13	Sivagangai	0	2	2	Received
14	Ramanadhapuram	0	1	1	Received
15	Virudhunagar	1	1	2	Received
16	Tirunelveli	3	5	8	Not received

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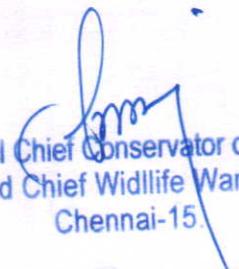
Sl. No.	District	No of Private elephants	No of Temple elephants	No of total Captive Elephants	DLCEWC nominations
17	Thoothukudi	6	1	7	Received
18	Kanniyakumari	6	0	6	Not received
	Total	32	31	63	

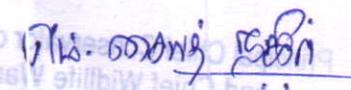
6) That the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Chief Wildlife Warden has conducted virtual meeting with all District Forest Officers/Wildlife Warden regarding the constitution of District Level Captive Elephant Welfare Committees. It is also submitted that 15 out of 18 districts where the private and temple elephants are being maintained have sent their nominations for the District Level Captive Elephant Welfare Committee and nominations are awaited from the remaining 3 Districts namely Vellore, Tirunelveli and Kanniyakumari. After receiving nominations from those Districts, proposal will be sent to the Government for re-constitution of District Level Captive Elephant Welfare Committees.

7) The Hon'ble High Court, Madras has also issued orders on 03.09.2021. The operative portion of the order is as follows:-

"10. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests will prepare a catalogue of all captive elephants in this State. Video-recordings of all such elephants, together with complete profile of each elephant, including the age, sex, lineage, if possible, should be indicated. Every Endeavour should be made to indicate how the elephant came to be captured or domesticated. The exercise should be completed by obtaining video-recordings of all the captive elephants in the State and providing the profile features in course of such video-recording or otherwise.

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11. As far as the temple elephants are concerned, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests should assign appropriate officials, along from the relevant areas, to inspect along with doctors from the relevant areas, to inspect the elephants and ascertain the state of their health. This exercise may be conducted for all captive elephants in the State, but beginning with elephants in the temple.

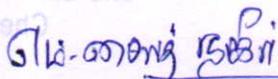
12. The number of elephants available with the forest officials should be indicated with similar profile and the history of how the animal came to be captured or used by forest officials. It is also necessary to ascertain whether any practice continues in which elephants are captured today, if only for the purpose of use by forest officials; and the permissibility thereof.

13. Several aspects of how elephants are treated by forest officials have been indicated in the presentation made by Elsa Foundation. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests should respond to such aspect of the matter by way of a report that may be filed. At any rate, the video-recordings as sought by this order should also be accompanied by a small report detailing how the video-recording was prepared, so that an element of accountability and authentication is evident.

14. The appropriate departments of the State Government, be it the Animal Welfare or Animal Husbandry or the like department, should extend all cooperation. The Animal Welfare Board of India and if there is any State level corresponding body should be kept informed of the matters for rendering science based assistance in the conduct of this matter and the treatment of elephants and in particular and wildlife in general.

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8) The Hon'ble High Court, Madras has also issued orders on 03.09.2021. The operative portion of the order is as follows:-

"2. Mr.C.Harsha Raj, learned counsel appearing for the State, submits, on instructions, that there are 32 elephants in temples in the State and 31 elephants privately held, in addition to the 64 elephants under the custody of the Forest Department.

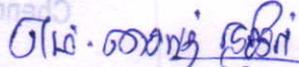
3. According to Elsa Foundation, which has been permitted to intervene in the present proceedings, the State had furnished details of 86 captive elephants to the Ministry of Environment and Forests in 2019, excluding the elephants with the Forest Department. It is submitted that the figures indicated in court today would reveal that at least 23 elephants are no longer available between 2019 and now.

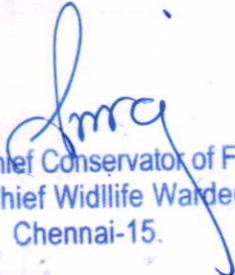
4. The State should produce the statements, if any, furnished to the Ministry of Environment and Forests over the last five years regarding the number of elephants and other material connected to elephants.

5. The State should ensure that no further elephant is taken into captivity except for the purpose of treatment of such elephants if found unable to support itself in the wild. No private person may capture any elephant or keep the same except those already existing".

9) That in compliance of the orders passed by the Hon'ble High Court, Madras in W.P. Nos. 3656, 3660, 3662 & 3663 of 2021, I have submitted the statements on Captive Elephants furnished to the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change for submitting

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before the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in W.P. Writ Petition (Civil)

No. 743 of 2014 as on 31.05.2015 as follows:

ABSTRACT

Details of Estimated number of Captive Elephants in Tamil Nadu as on 31.05.2015								
Sl. No.	Name of the Circle	Name of the District	Classification of captive elephants					Total
			Temple	Private	Circus	Forest Camp	Zoo	
1	Chennai	Chennai	1	0	0	0	0	1
		Thiruvallur	0	0	0	0	0	0
		Kancheepuram	4	0	0	0	0	4
2	AAZP	Kancheepuram (part)	0	0	0	0	4	4
3	Vellore	Vellore	2	0	0	0	0	2
		Tiruvannamalai	1	1	0	0	0	2
4	Villupuram	Villupuram	0	0	0	0	0	0
		Cuddalore	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	Salem	Salem	2	0	0	0	1	3
		Namakkal	0	0	0	0	0	0
		Karur	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	Dharmapuri	Dharmapuri	0	0	0	0	0	0
		Krishnagiri	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	Coimbatore	Coimbatore	1	1	0	2	0	4
		Thiruppur	0	0	0	0	0	0
		Nilgiri (part)	0	0	0	0	0	0
		Coimbatore (part)	0	0	0	22	0	22
8	ATR	Coimbatore (part)	0	0	0	22	0	22
9	MTR	Nilgiri (part)	0	0	0	25	0	25
10	STR	Erode	1	2	0	0	0	3
11	Trichy	Trichy	3	6	0	0	0	9
		Thanjavur	5	2	0	0	0	7
		Pudukottai	0	0	0	0	0	0
		Nagapattinam	4	0	0	0	0	4
		Thiruvarur	1	0	0	0	0	1
		Ariyalur	0	0	0	0	0	0
		Perambalur	0	0	0	0	0	0
12	Madurai	Madurai	4	5	0	0	0	9
		Theni	0	1	0	0	0	1
13	Dindigul	Dindigul	1	2	0	0	0	3
14	Virudhunagar	Virudhunagar	2	1	0	0	0	3
		Ramnad	1	0	0	0	0	1
		Sivaganga	3	0	0	0	0	3
15	Tirunelveli	Tirunelveli	4	0	0	0	0	4
		Tuticurin	0	7	0	0	0	7
		Kanyakumari	0	8	0	0	0	8
16	KMTR	Tirunelveli	2	3	0	0	0	5

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17	Circus		0	0	6	0	0	6
	Total		42	39	6	49	5	141

10) It is submitted that the above details were provided to Thiru. Ramesh AS, Chennai through Right to Information Act, 2005 by the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change (Project Elephant Division) mentioned as details of Captive Elephant as on 30.01.2019 vide F. No. 25-4/2021-PE, dated: 27.05.2021 and the same was presented by the Elsa Foundation before this Hon'ble Court.

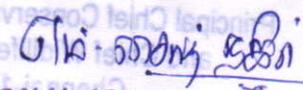
11) That since 31.05.2015, the following changes occurred in the list of Captive Elephants. After furnishing details to the Government of India, the following Temple Elephants died on account of various illnesses.

Sl. No.	Name of the Captive Elephant	Detail of maintenance of the Captive Elephant	Microship Number	Age	Sex	Remarks
1.	Vedha nayagi	The Executive Officer, Arulmigu Sangameswar Temple, Bhavani, Erode	000688C710	38	F	The elephant died on 29.11.2019 due to multi organ failure owing to chronic ailments.
2.	Rajeshwari	Assistant Commissioner/ Executive officer, Arulmigu Sugavaneshwarar Temple, Salem -636001	000659B41D	38	F	The elephant died on 21.04.2018 due to diseases.
3.	Perinayagi	Arunakrishewarar Swamy Thirukovil, Thiruppanandal	Nil	65	F	The elephant died on 04.06.2015 due to diseases.
4.	Fathima Beevi	The Managing Trusty, Nagore Dargah, Nagore	00065E73D9	48	F	Elephant "Fathima Beevi" died on 15-12-2015

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5.	Chooligamba 1	Treasurer, Agnishwarar, Thirukoil, Thirupugaloor	000658DC5A	62	F	The elephant died on 21.10.2019 due to age related issues
6.	Madhuravalli	Executive Director/Assistant Commissoner, Kudalalagar Temple , Madurai	00065E7C72	49	F	The elephant died on 27.05.2016
7.	Sivagami	Hereditary Trustee, A/m Thiruthalanathaswamy Temple, Thirupathur, Sivaganga	00065F1A39	53	F	The elephant died on 19.08.2021 due to illness
8	Valli	Arulmigu Ilanji Kumara Kovil, Courtallam, Tirunelveli District	0006590FBF	14	F	The elephant died on 23.04.2019 due to suffer of abdomen tumour
9	Rukku	Assistant Commissioner / Executive Officer, Arulmigu Arunachaleswarar Temple, Tiruvannamalai	000658CCDB	27	F	The elephant died on 22.03.2018 due to illness.

12) That the following elephants maintained by private persons died due to variety of causes, as mentioned below.

SI. No	Name of the Captive Elephant	Detail of maintenance of the Captive Elephant	Microship Number	Age	Sex	Remarks
1.	Gulabi	N.Baskaran, No.24,SakthiNagar,Sriranga m,Trichy	000658D8CF	56	F	The elephant died on 17.03.2019 during Transport due to age factor.
2.	Geethavalli	Thiru.B.Chikkandar Rowther,No .13-1/27,West Maque Street,Paraiyur,Madurai- 625027.	00065F18E4	55	F	The elephant died on 12.12.2018 due to illness
3.	Ammu	Thiru.A.Ramasamy Muthaliar,4 Anjugathammal Street,Palani-	00065867D1	48	F	The elephant died on 15.04.2016 due to multiple organ failure.

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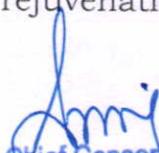
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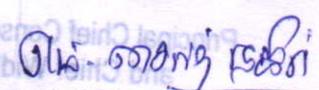
4.	Sulochana	President, Virudhunagar Hindu Nadar Devotees Committee, Virudhunagar	000658B828	35	F	The elephant died on 22.03.2016
5.	Indhira	V.Premannair S/O Velayutham Nair,20-231 Suma Vihar, Thiruparappu,Kanyakumari District	00065DF830	42	F	The elephant died on 05.05.2019
6.	Durga @ Joymola	Dr.C.K.Velayutha Nair S/O K.V.Krishnan Nair and Dr.Rema nair W/O Dr.C.K.Velayuthan Nair, Mookambigai Medical College, Kulasekaram, Kanyakumari District	961001000 004627	13	F	The elephant died on 23.01.2018
7.	Bhavani	Thiru. Mohammed Ansari, Kariyar Street,Kulasekarapatinum, Thiruchendur Taluk, Thoothukudi District	L.NO 32-BK-02	41	F	The elephant died on 20.08.2021 due to illness.
8.	Indira	Shiek Mydeen , S/o Abdul Kareem, 6/148, South Street, Pottalpudhur.	00064FQB42	58	F	The elephant died on 26.03.2019 due to illness.

13) That the Tamil Nadu State had started Elephant Rescue and Rehabilitation centre in M.R. Palayam near Trichy. It was a pioneering initiative of the State Government that Captive elephant requiring special care and rehabilitation would be kept in Rescue and Rehabilitation centre at Trichy and Vandalur zoo. The rescue centre has been established at high cost with due permission of the Central Zoo Authority. The spirit and intention is to rescue and take care of sick and helpless Captive elephant which is also a heritage of the country. These rescued elephant, specially injured elephant belonging to private individual / temple / private institutions and circus will be given veterinary care and after giving full treatment and rejuvenation

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they will be returned to the owners. After furnishing details to the Government of India, the following Temple and private elephants were translocated to Elephant Rescue and Rehabilitation Center, M.R. Palayam, Trichy.

SI. No.	Name of the Captive Elephant	Detail of maintenance of the Captive Elephant	Microship Number	Age	Sex	Remarks
1.	Malachi	Tmt.S.Indira H/o K.Lakshmanan.4 5B,Pandia Vallalar Street, 1ST Lane, Madurai-625001	000659BB2D	30	F	The elephant was shifted to M.R. Palayam for medical treatment on 14.06.2019 in compliance of the Hon'ble High Court, Madras orders issued in WP No. 11500/2018, W.P. (MD) No. 13445/2018, 8216,8626/2019, dated: 12.06.2019
2.	Indhu	Sri Kanchi Kamakoti Mutt, Jagadguru Sri Sankaracharia Swamigal Srimatam Samashanam,Ka ncheepuram-631502	00063D11B7	38	F	The elephant was shifted to M.R. Palayam for medical treatment on 24.09.2019 in compliance of the Hon'ble High Court, Madras orders issued in WP No. 6030 of 2019, dated 19.09.2019
3.	Sandhya	Sri Kanchi Kamakoti Mutt, Jagadguru Sri Sankaracharia Swamigal Srimatam Samashanam,Ka ncheepuram-631502	00065S40EC	46	F	The elephant was shifted to M.R. Palayam for medical treatment on 24.09.2019 in compliance of the Hon'ble High Court, Madras orders issued in WP No. 6030 of 2019, dated 19.09.2019
4.	Jayanthi	Sri Kanchi Kamakoti Mutt, Jagadguru Sri Sankaracharia Swamigal Srimatam	NIL	24	F	The elephant was shifted to M.R. Palayam for medical treatment on 24.09.2019 in compliance of the Hon'ble High Court, Madras orders issued in WP No. 6030 of

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		Samashanam, Kancheepuram-631502				2019, dated 19.09.2019
5.	Gomathy	Arulmigu, Mahalingaswami, Devasthanam, Thiruvaidaimarthur	00065E8FC1	55	F	The elephant was shifted to M.R. Palayam for medical treatment on 07.01.2020 in compliance of the Hon'ble High Court, Madras orders issued in WMP No. 15802 of 2018 in W.P.No. 28793 of 2013, dated 17.12.2019
6.	Jameela	Syed Mohideen (A) Thangappa, S/o Shiek husaian, Pillaiyar Kovil Street, Pottalpudhur.	0006598499	61	F	The elephant was shifted to M.R. Palayam for medical treatment on 09.03.2020 in compliance of the Hon'ble High Court, Madras orders issued in WMP No. 15802/2018 in W.P. No. 28793/2013, dated: 06.03.2020

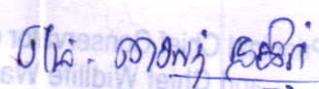
14) That a Captive Elephant by name "Andal" maintained in Kurumbapatti Zoological Park, Salem was transferred to Kozhikamuthi Elephant Camp, Anamalai Tiger Reserve for better care and maintenance. Besides two other Captive Elephants were being maintained in Sadivayal Elephant Camp, Coimbatore and in that one elephant named "Sujai" was transported to Theppakadu elephant camp, Mudumalai Tiger Reserve and another one named "Pari" was transported to Anamalai Tiger Reserve elephant camp. The Captive Elephants were taken care in Arignar Anna Zoological Park, Vandalur were also transferred to the Forest Department run camps for further maintenance.

15) That the following Departmental elephants died due to illness after 31.05.2015.

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Sl. No.	Camp elephant name	Camp	Sex	Age	Microchip No.	Date of death
1.	Ranga	Mudumalai Tiger Reserve	M	4	00065EA9B9	The elephant died on 09.01.2016
2.	Bharathi	Mudumalai Tiger Reserve	F	23	00065F3B56	The elephant died on 26.12.2016
3.	Narmatha	Mudumalai Tiger Reserve	F	7	00065EFD53	The elephant died on 01.12.2016
4.	Kalpana	Anamalai Tiger Reserve	F	35	0006599B4D	The elephant died on 21.09.2020 due to illness

16) That the following elephants were captured / rescued as per the orders of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Chief Wildlife Warden.

Sl. No.	Camp elephant name	Camp	Sex	Age	Microchip No.	Date of death
1.	Srinivas	Mudumalai Tiger Reserve	M	4	Yet to be fixed.	The elephant was captured from Cherambady Range of Gudalur Division on 04.04.2016 due to its menace and extreme Human elephant conflict in that area.
2.	Raghu	Mudumalai Tiger Reserve	M	5	Yet to be fixed.	It is a Orphan calf rescued by Forest Department on 26.05.2017 in Mudumalai Tiger Reserve. Despite the efforts taken by the Forest Department, the reuniting the calf with mother was not succeeded and hence the calf was taken to the camp.
3.	Bommi	Mudumalai Tiger Reserve	F	5	Yet to be fixed.	It is a Orphan calf separated from its mother and it was rescued by Forest Department on 26.09.2019 in Sathyamangalam Tiger Reserve.

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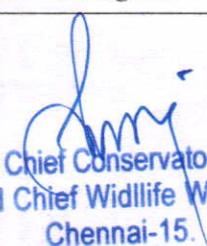
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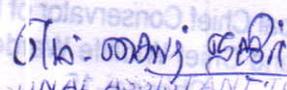
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						Efforts have been taken for reuniting the calf with its mother. Since it is unable to find the mother elephant, the calf was taken to the Mudumalai Tiger Reserve elephant camp.
4.	Newly captured elephant from Gudalur (not yet named)	Mudumalai Tiger Reserve	M	35	Yet to be fixed.	The elephant was captured from Cherambadi area of Gudalur Division on 12.02.2021 due to its menace and extreme Human elephant conflict in that area.
5.	Chinnathambi	Anamalai Tiger Reserve	M	24	Yet to be fixed.	Chinnathambi elephant was captured on 25.01.2019 in Coimbatore Division and was Radio-collared and released back into the Forests and monitored. Due to increase of crop raiding and property damages and as per the expert advise the elephant was captured on 15.02.2019 and translocated to the camp.
6.	Muthu	Anamalai Tiger Reserve	M	20	Yet to be fixed.	The elephant was Captured from Arthanaripalayam in Pollachi range of Anamalai Tiger Reserve on 14.11.2019 due to human animal conflict in that area. The elephant was locally called as "ArisiRaja".
7.	Sanjeev	Anamalai Tiger Reserve	M	7	Yet to be fixed.	The orphaned elephant calf was approached the two camp elephants namely Selvi and Vijayalakshmi foraging in the camp and was not left the camp. Hence, it has been decided to maintain the calf in the camp itself.
8.	Fohini	Anamalai Tiger Reserve	F	20	0006596B 45	The elephant was transported from Rajapalayam and is being taken care in the Anamalai Tiger Reserve elephant camp as per the High Court directions.
9.	Fohini (rescued elephant)	Arignar Anna Zoological Park	F	7	00065E8 DFE	The calf elephant was translocated from Anamalai Tiger Reserve to Arignar Anna Zoological Park, Vandalur for veterinary care and is being maintained there.
10.	Frakruthi	Arignar Anna	F		00040623	The orphaned calf was brought to the Arignar Anna Zoological Park

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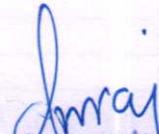

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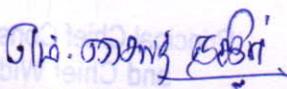
		Zoological Park		3198	from Gudalur Division for veterinary care and is being taken care in Arignar Anna Zoological Park, Vandalur.
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17) That four wild elephants were captured from various places after 31.05.2021 to reduce the human animal conflicts and 5 orphaned calf elephant were rescued and one private elephant was translocated to the Forest Department run camps. It is also submitted that several other injured/ diseased elephants were captured for treatment and after providing treatment, they were released back into the wild. It is respectfully submitted that the elephants are only captured on extreme human elephant conflict situations and for treating the injury / disease and they are not captured for the sake of capturing.

18) That the captured or rescued elephants are maintained with high quality medical care and food at departmental camps and no such elephants are gifted or sold to the private persons or temples. Only the diseased / ill treated temple and private elephants are brought to the Elephant Rescue and Rehabilitation center, M.R. Playam, Trichy for proper veterinary care and maintenance. Hence it is submitted that the Forest Department has not traded any Captive Elephants against the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 and guidelines issued by the Government of India. As per the act in force, ownership of the Captive Elephant can only be by inheritance or acquisition by Government agencies by captive transfer, etc.,

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19). That the State of Tamil Nadu possesses 127 Captive Elephants. Out of which 64 Captive Elephants being maintained in Forest Department camps and rescue centers. 32 elephants are maintained in Temples and 31 elephants are maintained by the private individuals. A unique identity number called microchip has been implanted in most of the elephants in the State of Tamil Nadu and each microchip is digitally numbered as follows:

Details of Estimated number of Captive Elephants in Tamil Nadu as on 20.10.2021								
Sl. No.	Name of the Circle	Name of the District	Classification of captive elephants					Total
			Temple	Private	Circus	Forest Camp	Zoo	
1	Chennai	Chennai	0	0	0	0	0	0
		Thiruvallur	0	0	0	0	0	0
		Kancheepuram	2	0	0	0	0	2
2	AZP	Kancheepuram (part)	0	0	0	0	2	2
3	Vellore	Vellore	2	0	0	0	0	2
		Tiruvannamalai	1	0	0	0	0	1
4	Villupuram	Villupuram	0	0	0	0	0	0
		Cuddalore	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	Salem	Salem	1	0	0	0	0	1
		Namakkal	0	0	0	0	0	0
		Karur	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	Dharmapuri	Dharmapuri	0	0	0	0	0	0
		Krishnagiri	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	Coimbatore	Coimbatore	1	0	0	0	0	1
		Thiruppur	0	0	0	0	0	0
		Nilgiri (part)	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	ATR	Coimbatore (part)	0	0	0	28	0	28
9	MTR	Nilgiri (part)	0	0	0	28	0	28
10	STR	Erode	0	2	0	0	0	2
11	Trichy	Trichy	4	6	0	6	0	16
		Thanjavur	3	2	0	0	0	5
		Pudukottai	0	0	0	0	0	0
		Nagapattinam	2	0	0	0	0	2
		Thiruvarur	1	0	0	0	0	1
		Ariyalur	0	0	0	0	0	0
12	Dindigul	Dindigul	1	0	0	0	0	1
13	Madurai	Madurai	4	4	0	0	0	8
		Theni	0	0	0	0	0	0
		Virudhunagar	1	2	0	0	0	3
		Ramnad	1	0	0	0	0	1
		Sivaganga	2	0	0	0	0	2

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15	KMTR	Tirunelveli	5	2	0	0	0	7
		Tuticurin	1	6	0	0	0	7
		Kanyakumari	0	7	0	0	0	7
		Total	32	31	0	62	2	127

Departmental Camp Elephant:-

20) That the details of the departmental camp elephants in Mudumalai Tiger Reserve, Anamalai Tiger Reserve and Arignar Anna Zoological Park, Vandalur are provided below.

Sl.No.	Elephant			Microchip No.
	Name	Sex	Age	
Anamalai Tiger Reserve, Pollachi				
1.	Kaleem	M	56	0006584284
2.	Ramu	M	52	00065E902F
3.	Selvi	F	62	00065F0DA0
4.	Saradha	F	67	000658BE12
5.	Suyambu	M	24	00065A015B
6.	Sivagami	F	71	00065E6FA6
7.	Vijayalakshmi	F	69	00065F900A
8.	Durga	F	26	00065E7FF9
9.	Rajavardhan	M	23	000659A170
10.	Tamilan	M	16	0006596C49
11.	Abinaya	F	16	00065E73DO
12.	Saravanan	M	15	0006597433
13.	Surya	M	48	00065F4415
14.	Kapildev	M	39	00065E8CAB
15.	Bharani	M	35	000659258A
16.	Venkatesan	M	34	000659B7BD
17.	Mariappan	M	32	00065992BD
18.	Rohini	F	25	0006596B45
19.	Narasimma	M	16	00065ECCE6
20.	Devi	F	17	00065F0782
21.	Kaveri	F	13	00065F364C
22.	Andal	F	60	Yet to be fixed.
23.	Pari	M	41	00065F4687
24.	Urigam	M	12	Yet to be fixed.
25.	Ashokan	M	11	Yet to be fixed.
26.	Chinnathambi	M	24	Yet to be fixed.
27.	Muthu	M	20	Yet to be fixed.
28.	Sanjeev	M	7	Yet to be fixed.

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Sl.No.	Elephant			Microchip No.
	Name	Sex	Age	
Mudumalai Tiger Reserve, Udhamandalam				
1.	Bhama	F	72	00065EF5CE
2.	Indhar	M	70	00065EFC5D
3.	Kamatchi	F	62	000658B97E
4.	Anna	M	63	00065EE552
5.	Moorthy	M	58	00065E7B1E
6.	Mudhumalai	M	58	00065F1A89
7.	Shankar	M	52	00065F46BF
8.	Ganesh	M	52	00065F3279
9.	Vijay	M	50	00065E865C
10.	Santhosh	M	50	00065E7729
11.	Senthil Vadivu	F	50	00065E6749
12.	Wasim	M	43	00065E80DC
13.	Jumbu	M	35	00065E71AB
14.	Wilson	M	33	000658DFE1
15.	Sumangala	F	33	000658BB00
16.	Indra	F	25	00065F0375
17.	Udayan	M	23	00065E6ED0
18.	Bomman	M	20	00065E7084
19.	Krishna	M	10	00065E7D22
20.	Giri	M	12	Yet to be fixed.
21.	Sujai	M	50	00065E6471
22.	Cheran	M	35	000659F9CB
23.	John	M	31	00065F3F79
24.	Srinivas	M	20	Yet to be fixed.
25.	Masini	M	15	00065F4F7C
26.	Raghu	M	5	Yet to be fixed.
27.	Bommi	F	5	Yet to be fixed.
28.	Newly captured elephant from Cherambady (not yet named)	M	35	Yet to be fixed.

Arignar Anna Zoological Park, Vandalur				
1.	Parugrathi	F	6	Yet to be fixed.
2.	Rohini	F	4	00065E8DFE

21) The details of Captive Elephants maintained in Elephant Rescue and Rehabilitation Center, M.R. Palayam, Trichy have been provided in Para No. 13 for reference.

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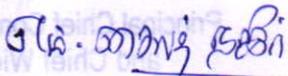
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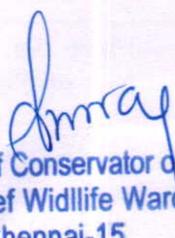
22) In the State of Tamil Nadu, 32 estimated temple elephants are being maintained. The details are as furnished below.

S. No	License No and Date	Name of the License holder and Address	Details of Elephant			Microchip No.
			Name	Age	Sex	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	7/2007 dated 25.09.2007 issued by PCCF & CWLW, Tamil Nadu vide WL1/12729/2005 dated 25.09.2007.	Executive Officer, Sri Adhikesavaperumal and Basayakarasamy Temple, Sriperumbudur.	Kothai	22	F	0006599B6A
2	3/2014 dated 25.11.2014, issued by PCCF & CWLW, Tamil Nadu vide WL1/14415/2014, dated 25.11.2014.	Sri Ahobila Math, 8-A, Aarathi Nagar, Behind Selaiyur Police Station, East Tambaram, Chennai – 600 059. Transit Permit issued for elephant for 5 years to Kerala and yet not returned.	Malolan	24	M	00061137B8
3	2/2002 dated 01.04.2002 issued by CWLW, Tamil Nadu vide WL1/83751/2000 dated 01.04.2002	Ohm Sakhthi Narayani Chitar Peedam Charitable Trust, Thirumalai Kodi Ariyur, Vellore District.	Vaishnavi	23	F	00065F4A7F
4	1/2009 dated 23.02.2009 issued by PCCF & CWLW, Tamil Nadu vide WL1/8874/2007 dated 23.02.2009	Ohm Sakhthi Narayani Chitar Peedam Charitable Trust, Thirumalai Kodi Ariyur, Vellore District.	Basnthi @ Karpagam	23	F	961001503552
5	1/2020 dated 13.02.2020 issued by PCCF & CWLW, Tamil Nadu vide WL1/14451/2017, dated 13.02.2020.	Thiru. Venu Srinivasan, Sri Venugopaldaswamy Kanikaryam Trust, Adyar club road, Chennai (Maintained in Veerakoil Padavedu	Lakshmi	19	F	00065EF911

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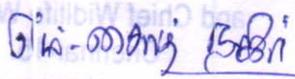

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		Temple, Polur Taluk, Tiruvannamalai)				
6	9/95 Dated 27.12.1995 issued by Chief Conservator of Forests (WL) & CWW, Tamil Nadu vide Ref. No. K.Dis 8261/94/A1 dated 27.12.1995.	The Executive Officer, A/M Patterwarasamy Devasthanam, Perur, Coimbatore	Kalyani	29	F	00065F19D6
7	23/88 Dated 07.09.1988 issued by CWLW, Tamil Nadu vide G1/11501/1988 dated 07.09.1988.	A/M Ranganatha Samy temple devasthanam, Srirangam, Trichy.	Andal	42	F	00065E8C4B
8	2/2018 dated 26.12.2018 issued by CWLW, Tamil Nadu vide WL1/51112/2018 dated 26.12.2018.	M/s. Lakshmi Welfare Association, Shell House, 695 Avanasai, Coimbatore. (Presently maintained in A/M. Ranganathaswamy temple, Srirangam, Trichy.	Premi (alias) Lakshmi	19	F	000658618A
9	000659183C/EAC/DDM/D D/ 07/245 dated 08-06-2007 issued by CF, Eastern Assam Circle, Jorhat	Sri, Chidananda Hazarika, S/o Late Tarik Hasar, DIrokmukh Village, Bordirok Post, Kakapathar (P.S), Tinsukia District, Assam. Presently maintained in Asst. Commissioner/ Executive Officer, A/M Jambukeshwarar, Akilandeshwari Thirukovil, Thiruvanaikaval, Srirangam, Trichy.	Moni @ Akila	18	F	000659183C
10	198/93 dated 21.10.1993 issued by CWLW,	The Secretary, Sri Kalikadevi Temple, Varanasi District, Uttara	Varalakshmi @ Lakshmi	18	F	00065F0F27

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Karnataka	Pradesh. Presently maintained in The Excecutive Officer, A/M Thayumanaswamy Temple, Trichy -1.				
11	74/2000 dated 22.05.2000 issued by Conservator of Forests, Eastern Assam Circle, Jorhat.	Sri. Lehang Moran and Sri. Dipul Moran, S/o. Late Bhadresuar Moran, Tarani Village, Pengaroo P.S. Presently maintained in The Excecutive Officer, A/M Venkatachalapathi swamy Thirukoil, Oppiliappan koil, Kumbakonam, Thanjavur.	Pohili @ Boomadevi	23	F	00065E8DCB
12	32/89 dated 18.07.1989 issued by CWLW, Tamil Nadu vide 10082/89/G1 dated 18.07.1989.	The Executive Officer, A/M Adikumbaraswar Temple, Kumbakonam, Thanjavur	Mangalam	39	F	00065EBDEE
13	6/2003 Date.07.06.2004 issued by CWLW, Tamil Nadu vide Ref. No. WL1/23297/2000 dated 07.06.2004.	Sri Panchanatheswarer Swamy Devasthanam, Thiruvaiyaru - 613 204.	Dharmambal	23	F	000658BB2F
14	5/2016 dated 07.06.2016, issued by PCCF & CWLW, Tamil Nadu vide WL1/12101/2016 dated 07.06.2016.	A/M Rajegopala Swamy Temple, Mannarkudi, Tiruvarur	Sengamalam	31	F	000659C12A
15	25/1988 dated 06.09.1988 issued by CWLW, Tamil Nadu vide 13191/88/G1	Executive Officer, A/M Mayuranathar Temple, Thiruvavaduthurai, Mayiladuthurai.	Abayambal @ Abayambigai	53	F	00065EDAD6

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			Name	Age	Sex	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	dated 06.10.1988	Thanjavur				
16	0006591DE3 / EAC / DDM / KP / 08/244 issued by Conservator of Forests, Eastern Assam circle, Jorhat in 2008.	Sri. Tuleswar Moran, S/o Late Ganesh Moran, Dignalipathar Village, Tinali Nagaon Post, Pengeree (P.S), Tinsukia District, Assam. Presently maintained in A/M. Amirthadadesh warar Swamy Devasthanam, Thirukkadaiyur	Bhagyawati @ Abirami	14	F	0006591DE3
17	3/1993 Dated 31.01.1993 issued by Chief Conservator of Forests (WL) & CWW, Tamil Nadu vide Ref. No. K.Dis 3862/91/A1 dated 31.01.1993.	Joint Commissioner, A/M Anada Gorapandisamy Temple, Palani, Dindigul.	Kasturi	55	F	00065EE572
18	3/2016 dated 06.05.2019 issued by PCCF & CWLW, Tamil Nadu vide WL1/10775/2016 dated 06.05.2016.	The Administrator, A/M Punugu Karuppanasamy Koil, Periyur, Madurai	Roudilakshmi	32	F	000658C4C2
19	0006CDBAD5/Gola/NJ/13/38 issued by PCCF (WL) and CWLW, Assam dated 29.10.2013	Sri. Lila Bora, S/o Late Numal Ch. Bora, Gondhakoroi Village, Sarupathar Post & P.S, Golaghat District, Assam. Presently Maintained in Lord Karthikeya Temple, Thirupparankundram, Madurai	Prerona	15	F	0006CDBAD5
20	KNP/EAWL/BKT/0950 dated 12-03-2010 issued by the Director, Kaziranga	Sri. Prodip Doley, S/o Late Dhan Doley, Bohikhown Village,	Joon @ Sundaravalli	14	F	0006B7243A

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			Name	Age	Sex	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	National Park, Bokahat	Bokakhat Post, Golaghat District, Assam. Presently maintained in Arulmigu Kallalagar Thirukovil, Alagarkoil, Melur Taluk, Madurai				
21	24/BK-01 of 2000-2001, dated 20.04.2000 Chowkham Range of Namsai Division, CCF, Itanagar, AP	Sri. V. Ganesh, Manbunery Post, Palakad, Kerala. Presently maintained in The Joint Commissioner, A/M Meenakshi Sundareswarar Temple, Madurai.	Parvathi	22	F	00065F24DO
22	16/1992 Dated 06.10.1992 issued by Chief Conservator of Forests (WL) & CWW, Tamil Nadu vide Ref. No. K.Dis 18501/89/A1 dated 06.10.1992.	Hereditary Trustee, A/M Shanmuganathan Temple, Kundrakodi, Sivagangai. (A/m Shanmughanathaswamy Temple, Kundrakudi.)	Subbu (alais) Subbulakshmi	39	F	00065F0358
23	2/2020 Dt. 19.03.2021 issued by PCCF & CWLW, Tamil Nadu vide WL1/2073/2019, dated 19.03.2020.	The Devasthanam Manager, Arulmigu Sornakaleeswarar Temple, Kalayar Koil, Sivaganga. (A/m Sornakaleeswarar Temple, Kaalaiyarkoil, Sivaganga.)	Kanthi @ Sornavalli	26	F	00065EFFE2
24	NAC/NL/HR/221 of 2006 dated 25.06.2006 issued by Conservator of Forests, Northern Assam Circle, Tezpur. (PCCF & CWLW, Tamil Nadu Proc. No.	Sri. Jughadhar Saikia, S/o Late Kalia Saikia, Jaipur Pichala Village, Bhogpur Chariali Post, Bihpuri (P.S), Lakhimipir District, Assam.	Bhogeswari @ Ramalakshmi	18	F	961001000003 728

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	WL1/52/2008 dated 02.01.2008)	Presently maintained in The Executive Officer, A/M Ramanathasamy Temple, Ramaswaram, Ramnad				
25	0006584751/EAC/DDM/KP /08/247 dated 18-09-2008 issued by CF, Eastern Assam Circle, Jorhat	Sri, Girin Moran, S/o Late Kandura Moran, Upar Kachijan Village, Kachijan Chariali Post, Kakapathar (P.S), Tinsukia District, Assam. Presently maintained in Andal Temple, Srivilliputhur Virudhunagar.	Joy mala @ Jayamalyatha	18	F	0006584751
26	8/1993 dated 04.05.1993 issued by CWLW, Tamil Nadu vide 2398/89/A1 dated 04.05.1993	The Executive officer, A/M Nellaiyappar Arul Tharum Gandhimadhi Ammal Tirukoil, Tirunelveli	Gandhimathi	48	F	00065EYOD5
27	1/2018 dated 05.01.2018 issued by PCCF & CWLW, Tamil Nadu vide WL1/42212/2017 dated 05.01.2018	The Assistant Commissioner and Executive officer, A/M Sankara Narayana Samy Thiru koil, Sankaran Koil, Thirunelveli.	Gomathy	25	F	00065F1C3E
28	961001000002388/AS/DDM/KP/06/205 dated 15.02.2006.	Sri. Bhuben Konwar, S/o Sri Khohua Konwar, Kakapathar Village/Post/ (P.S), Tinsukia District, Assam. Presently maintained in Swamy Alagianambirayar Devasthanam, Thirukurunkudi.	Makhani @ Sundaravalli Nachiar	18	F	961001000002388

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		Tirunelveli-627115				
29	03/2018 dated 28.12.2018 issued by PCCF & CWLW, Tamil Nadu vide WL1/55436/2018 dated 28.12.2018.	Thiru. K. Suresh Krishna, No. 44/79, Poes Garden, Chennai. Presently maintained by Sri Swamy Alagianambirayar Devasthanam, Thirukurunkudi, Tirunelveli.	Madhu@ Kurunkudi Valli Nachiar	27	F	00065F301F
30	3/2007 dated 12.04.2007 issued by PCCF & CWLW, Tamil Nadu vide WL1/37856/2003 dated 12.04.2007	Thiru. Venu Srinivasan, Sri Venugopaldaswamy Kainkaryam Trust, West Side House, No.2, Adyar Club Gate Road, Chennai. Presently maintained by Erattai Tirupathi Temple, Kilpidagai, Kaspaa Village, Srivaikundam Taluk, Tuticorin.	Lakshmi	16	F	000658279
31	Issued by Wildlife Warden, Anamalai Wildlife Sanctuary, Pollachi vide K.Dis. 14858/1982/W dated 27.09.1982.	Thiru. D. Rajaram, No. 29, North Street, Thallakulam, Madurai. Presently maintained in The President, Inamthar's Committee, Magdum Gnaniyar Pallivasal, Main Road, Kadayanallur.	Jainy	21	F	0006597888
32	1/2002 dated 05.01.2002 issued by PCCF & CWLW, Tamil Nadu vide WL1/47299/2001 dated 05.01.2002.	Thiru. A. Shanmugasundaram, Thirumuruga Kitubananda Variyar Thavathiru Sundara Swamigal Medical	Lakshmi	46	F	00065F2111

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7
		Educational & Charitable Trust, Salem				

Private Elephants:

23) In the State of Tamil Nadu, 31 estimated private elephants are being maintained. Their details are as provided below.

S. No	License No and Date	Name of the License holder and Address	Details of Elephant			Microchip No.
			Name	Age	Sex	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	1/2016 dated 07.03.2016 issued by PCCF & CWLW, Tamil Nadu vide WL1/33917/2015 dated 07.03.2016.	Thiru.K.V Gopalakrishnan Kankiam Road, Kodumudi, Erode.	Meenakshi	54	F	000659785D
2	16/93 dated 03.04.1993 issued by CWLW, Kerala.	Shri. P. Jose, Nedumpasseri Post, Chengamanad, Alwaye, Kerala Presently maintained by Thiru. A Tajudeen, Sultanpettai, Kodumudi, Erode.	Meenakshi	37	F	00065F3BDE
3	4/2015 dated 26.03.2015 issued by PCCF & CWLW, Tamil Nadu vide WL1/22738/2014	Thiru N. Baskaran, No.27 South Chitrai Street, Srirangam, Trichy	Faseela	50	F	00065F36FB

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			Name	Age	Sex	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	dated 26.03.2015.					
4	1/2014 dated 10.11.2014 issued by PCCF & CWLW, Tamil Nadu vide WL1/20326/2014-1 dated 10.11.2014.	Thiru N.Sekar, No.27, South Chithrai Street, Srirangam, Trichy.	Suma	52	F	000658C85A
5	1/2015 dated 09.03.2015 issued by PCCF & CWLW, Tamil Nadu vide WL1/3720/2015-1 dated 09.03.2015.	Thiru S. Sankar, Elephant House, South Car park, Samayapuram, Trichy.	Jaya	12	F	96101000004770
6	2/2014 dated 10.11.2014 issued by PCCF & CWLW, Tamil Nadu vide WL1/20326/2014-2 dated 10.11.2014.	Thiru N. Sekar, No.27, South Chithrai Street, Srirangam, Trichy.	Rani	37	F	0006592AA2
7	2/2015 dated 09.03.2015 issued by PCCF & CWLW, Tamil Nadu vide WL1/3820/2015-2 dated 09.03.2015.	Thiru S. Sankar, Elephant House, South Car park, Samayapuram, Trichy.	Luckymani	27	F	00064DBB90
8.	Ownership Certificate No. 61/1989	Thiru. K. Narayanan, 162, Manickam Pillai Street, Srirangam, Trichy	Ammukkutti		F	00065F3400
9	1/2020 dated 22.09.2020 issued by PCCF & CWLW, Tamil Nadu vide WL1/2746/2021 dated 22.09.2020.	Thiru D. Rajkumar, No.25, North Street, Swamimalai, Thanjavur	Syamala	48	F	00065E7AA4

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7
10	Certificate No. 1/93. Under Court case	D. Raghupathy, S/o. Dhanapal Nadar, 33. South Street, Swamimalai, Thanjavur	Ambika	55	F	00065E9123
11	2/2020 dated 28.11.2020 issued by PCCF & CWLW, Tamil Nadu vide WL1 /29338 / 2020 dated 28.11.2020.	Thiru Haresh Babu, 4/8B, Kamala Nagar, Tamakanpark Road, Tallakulam, Madurai-2.	Lakshmi	45	F	00065E957E
12	7/2015 dated 02.09.2015 issued by PCCF & CWLW, Tamil Nadu vide WL1/61503/2011 dated 02.09.2015.	Thiru. R. Rengan 4/8B, Kamala Nagar, Tamakanpark Road, Tallakulam, Madurai-2.	Kusma	48	F	00065F0FC0
13	2/2016 dated 02.05.2016 issued by PCCF & CWLW, Tamil Nadu vide WL1/29163/2015 dated 02.05.2016.	Thiru R. Vimalan, 4-13 Nanmanitharuvar Koil, West Masi St., Madurai	Sumathi	55	F	00065E8537
14	No valid Certificate	Tmt. R. Mala, 4/8B, Kamala Nagar, Tamakanpark Road, Tallakulam, Madurai-2.	Rupali	17	F	00064DDBE2
15	26/1988 dated 18.11.1988 issued by CWLW, Tamil Nadu vide G1/10232/88 dated 18.11.1988.	Thiru. G. Thankappan, S/o. Govinda Pillai, No. 10 Thirumanjana Veedhi, Thirupuvanam, Thanjavur.	Lalitha	45	F	00065863EF

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7
		Presently maintained by Thiru. Shek Mohamed 6/A Edamal Street, Theni				
16	Illegally maintained.	Illegally maintained in the name of Lakshmi at Palani Presently being maintained in Rjapalayam	Indira	60	F	00065DE113
17	Not issued.	Thiru. P. Syed Masood Dhiwan, S/o (Late) Bakir Mohideen, 1/49 Pillaiyar Kovil Street, Pottalpurur, Abasamudram, Tirunelveli	Nirmala	52	F	000659AA91
18	34/90 dated 11.03.1990 Issued by CWLW, Kerala.	Shri. Joseph Sebastian, Edattu House, Alanadu Post, Anthinadu Via, Meenachil Taluk, Kottayam District. Presently maintained by Thiru. Mohamed Bathusha, Chockampatti.	Lakshmi	55	F	000659273F
19	4/2016 dated 02.06.2016 issued by PCCF & CWLW, Tamil Nadu vide WL1/15653/2016 dated 02.06.2016.	A. Peer Mohammed, 111 K/11, Bolpettai, Tuticorin.	Ponni	55	F	00065E6B92
20	17/90 dated 22.02.1990 issued CWLW, Kerala.	Thiru. Thomas Mathew, Medackal House, Kottayam, Kerala. Presently maintained at No. 7/19 Jeyalakahmi Rice Mill, Nazareth Main	Beegam	48	F	00065D82D3

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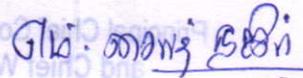
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1	2	3	4	5	6	7
		Road, Alwarthirunagari				
21	32/BK-02 of 2000-2001, dated 30.09.2000 Namsai Range of Namsai Division, CCF, Tirunagar, AP	Thiru. Philp Mathew, Samayapuram Post, Trichy, Tamil Nadu. Presently maintained by A/M Subramaniasamy Thirukoil, Tiruchendur.	Deivanai	23	F	0006586E7E
22	01/BK-02 dated 10.11.2000 issued by Chief Conservator of Forests, Arunachal Pradesh.	Thiru.K.R.Vasudevan, LIC Colony, R.S.Puram, Coimbatore - 2 Presently maintained by A/M Athinathar Alwar Tirukoil, Alwar Tirunagar, Tuticorin.	Gulabi @ Athinayagi	21	F	00065F1799
23	3/2000 dated 17.02.2000 issued by CWLW, Kerala.	Thiru. N. Baskar, No.27, South Chitra Street, Srirangam, Trichy. Presently maintained by A/M Vaithamanidhi Perumal Tirukoil, Tirukolur, Tuticorin.	Kamala Batti @ Kumudavalli	25	F	00065E9189
24	48/90 dated 05.04.1990 Issued by CWLW, Kerala.	Sri. Nhattoor Mohammed & Nhattoor Abdul Azeez, Cheruvayoor Amsom, Edavannappara Post, Kondotty Via, Malappuram District. Presently maintained by Thiru. R. Ramdos, Thoothukudi.	Kirathi	64	F	00065D6E96

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25	4/2007 dated 30.04.2007 issued by PCCF & CWLW, Tamil Nadu vide WLI/8862/2007 dated 30.04.2007.	Thiru. P. Arumugam, S/o. Palanisamy Pillai, Palani, Dindigul District. Presently maintained by Thiru. Mohanan, S/o Krishna Pillai, Devicode, Cheruvallor.	Saraswathy	56	F	00065EFBDB 4
26	323/2002 dated 02.12.2002 issued by CWLW, Andaman & Nicobar Islands.	Shri. N. Nagarajan, S/o. Nagalingam Pillai, Kandamannur, Theni. Presently maintained by Thiru. V. Mani, S/o S. Velu, Kappuvilai, Kalkulam (Tk), Verkizhambi (PO), Kanniyakumari.	Rita Kumari	53	F	00065F214C
27	961001000005791/E AC/DDM/KP/06/123 dated 03.10.2006 issued by Conservator of Forests, Eastern Assam Circle, Jorhat.	Sri. Honto Handique, S/o. Sri. Panchadhar Handique, Saru Dirak Village, Dirok Maithong Post, Kakapathar (P.S), Tinsukia District, Assam. Presently maintained by Thiru. P. Pradeep Kumar, S/o V. PremanNair, Indra Nandhilath, Waterfalls Road, Thirpparappu Post, Kanyakumari District.	Monimala	29	F	961001000005 791
28	238/ Unknown dated NIL, issued by CWLW, Andaman & Nicobar	Shri. N. A. Zachariah, Rut Bay, Little Andaman. Presently maintained by Thiru. P.T.	Madhumathy	57	F	0006477726

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Islands.	Charubalazeenath, No.20-2D, Vilavancode, Kanniyakumari				
29	528 dated 20.01.2006 issued by Chief Conservator of Forests (WL) & CWLW, Kerala vide No. WL5/7669/2003 dated 20.01.2006.	Smt. Bhargavi Amma, D./o. Nanju Amma, Valparambath Village, Cherthala Taluk, Alappuzha District, Kerala. Presently maintained by Thiru. R. Jejo, No.21/1, Kannanur, Veyanoor Village, Kanniyakumari.	Anupama	46	F	0006593A63
30	18/1990 dated 22.02.1990 issued by CWLW, Kerala	Sri. M.M. Thankachan, Madaekal Village, Ullanadu Post, Anthinadu, Kottayam District. Presently manitained by Tmt.P.R. Suma, Suma Vihar, Thirparappu, Kanniyakumari	Ammu @ Valli	36	F	00065ED4DB
31	No valid Certificate	R.Natesan S/O Ramakrishnan Nair, Padanilam, Kulasekaram, Kanniyakumari District	Swarnavathi	47	F	0006EF1EF

24) That the Captive Elephant Santhakumari mentioned in the list that was submitted to the Government of India was illegally transported from Kerala to Tamil Nadu without a mandatory Transit

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Permit. The elephant was no longer maintained in Tamil Nadu and supposed to be sent back the State of Kerala.

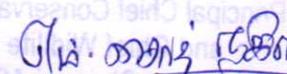
25) That one elephant named Lakshmi (Microchip No. 00065870BE) maintained by Thiru. M. Soundararajan, 24/4, Subba Muthali Street, Palani, Dindigul District was transported to Animal Rescue Centre, Rajapalayam for medical treatment. During the treatment, it has been found that the microchip reader reads different number and found that it was elephant illegally transported from Kerala to Tamil Nadu and the name of the elephant is "Indhira" (Microchip No. 00065DE113) and further medical treatment is being provided to the elephant 'Indhira' and offence is booked against Thiru. M. Soundararajan, 24/4, Subba Muthali Street, Palani, Dindigul District for illegally changing the elephant and the Captive Elephant originally named as "Lakshmi" is missing and investigation is being conducted for finding the original elephant "Lakshmi".

26) The Captive Elephant "Rita Kumari" is having origin of Andaman & Nicobar islands and owner of the Captive Elephant was Shri. N. Nagarajan, S/o. Nagalingam Pillai, Kandamannur, Theni and it was maintained by Thiru. V. Mani, S/o S. Velu, Kappuvilai, Kalkulam (Tk), Verkizhambi (PO), Kanniyakumari. The Captive Elephant was illegally transported to Kumbakonam and was being maintained there. Hence, an offence has been booked in WLOR No. 1/2021 and affidavit has been filed in JM Court-II, Kumbakonam. Meanwhile, the elephant was again illegally transported to Kanniyakumari where it has been originally maintained. Hence, it was unable to conduct inspection of the said elephant. It is informed that the inspection report and Video recordings for the Captive Elephant "Rita Kumari" will be submitted shortly.

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27) That the Captive Elephant "Malolan" maintained in Alohiba Mutt, East Tambaram was transported to Kerala in 2015 with 5 years of Transit Permit and was not returned to Tamil Nadu (Transit Permit lapsed on 2020). The owner of the Captive Elephant "Malolan" has been instructed for bringing back to its original location.

28) That I am submitting the catalogue (Captive Elephant Data Sheet as per Tamil Nadu Captive Elephant (Management & Maintenance) Rules, 2011) and Video recordings for all the above mentioned Captive Elephants (Private elephants, Temple Elephants and Departmental elephants except Ritakumari, Lakshmi and Malolan) in the State of Tamil Nadu (Enclosed as Annexure I, II, III, IV & V).

29) That for complying the order of the Hon'ble High Court regarding daily routine of the Captive Elephants, an expert committee consisting of following members has been formed to prepare draft guidelines regarding the daily routine of the Captive Elephants.

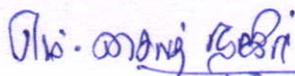
1. Dr. Kalaivanan, B.V.Sc., (Team Leader) (Through Director, Animal Husbandry Department)
2. Dr. Ashraf, N.V.K., Wildlife Trust of India, New Delhi
3. Dr. A. Sukumar, B. V. Sc., Forest Veterinary Officer, Coimbatore
4. Dr. K. Rajesh, B. V. Sc., Mudumalai Tiger Reserve
5. Dr. Nigel, B.V.Sc., Masinagudi

30) That an online meeting was convened by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Chief Wildlife Warden with the committee members on 22.09.2021 for preparing draft guidelines regarding the daily routine of the Captive Elephants and for discussing the welfare of Captive Elephants in scientific manner.

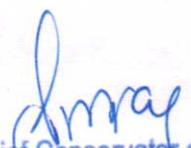
31) That Dr. Kalaivanan, Team Leader of the committee has been involved in the operation of capturing the Tiger T-23 in Gudalur, it

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was unable to conduct the next meeting for preparing the guidelines and hence it is submitted that the meeting will be conducted and guidelines will be formed shortly.

32) That replies to the Hon'ble High Court's directions on Captive Elephants participating in the temple rituals and functions are furnished below.

33) The Transit Permit for the Captive Elephants for participating in the temple rituals and functions are issued based on the guidelines issued in the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972. It is also submitted that the Transit Permit is only given for the maximum period of 15 days at a time and the minimum period for rest of the Captive Elephant is 10 days before the next Transit Permit.

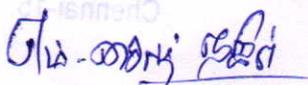
34) That the minimum gap of participating in two functions must be 2 days. The temple authorities have also been instructed to provide water, food and shelter facilities during the function. The owner and Mahout of the concerned elephant have also been instructed to strictly follow the rules and guidelines issued in the Transit Permit and Tamil Nadu Captive Elephant (Management & Maintenance) Rules, 2011 during the function. Forest Range Officer of the concerned Range where the function is being conducted is monitoring the Captive Elephant during the function and offence is booked against the owner of the elephant, when violation of rules occurred.

35) That the detailed reply for the presentation done by the Elsa Foundation is furnished below.

"The **Indian elephant** (*Elephas maximus indicus*) is one of three extant recognized subspecies of the Asian elephant and they usually lives in small family groups led by old females and the calf elephants

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are taken care by the herd. Most males (bulls) live in bachelor herds apart from the cows”.

36) Elephants of all ages and sexes secrete a fluid called temporin. Male elephants, however, enter a “musth period,” during which they secrete a fluid differing in viscosity from the fluid secreted when they are not in musth. The male elephants in the herds are driven away from the herd by other elephants in herd during their “Musth period”. During the ‘Musth Period’ animal’s behaviour is erratic and uncontrollable and males are usually at their prime physical state during musth and ordinarily do most of the breeding.

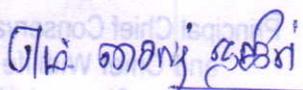
37) Capturing of Menaceful elephants

When, the elephants are separated from their herds and due to scarcity of food and attracted by the crops in villages nearby the forests, the elephants do crop raiding in the villages, which leads to human elephant conflicts in that area especially in the Western Ghats districts of Kanyakumari, Tirunelveli, Virudhunagar, Madurai, Theni, Dindigul, Coimbatore and Nilgiris and in the Eastern Ghats districts of Erode, Krishnagiri and Dharmapuri though this issue do occur in other parts of the State as well.

38) Forest Department have taken enormous measures to contain human elephant conflicts. Elephant Proof Trench, Solar Fence, Steel Wire Rope Fences, Hanging Solar Fences and Walls in the Forest boundaries have been constructed and forest ponds, water holes and check dams have been constructed to meet out the need for water for the Wildlife and green fodder banks have been created inside the Reserved Forest areas. Further, salt licks are provided near the water holes along the migratory corridor to supplement the mineral requirements of the elephants, which are

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expected to retain the elephants in their restricted migratory path and for avoiding the Wildlife entering into the villages.

39) Also, teams like Anti Depredation Watchers, Anti Poaching Watchers and Rapid Response teams have been created for driving the elephants back into the forests. However, despite various efforts taken by the Forest Department, some wild elephants attracted by the food grains and certain fruit types, e.g., banana and mango kept in households in nearby villages raid crops and attack the human if they are encountered on their ways. Compensations are readily provided to the affected people for crop damages, property damages, injuries and loss of life.

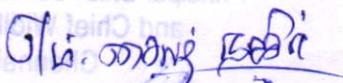
40) When problems due elephant increase in those areas and become unmanageable, the Forest Department officials capture that elephant and the captured elephant is translocated to any of the Reserve Forests and released in the wild or kept in departmental captivity. This is a standardized management practice as per the science of wildlife management and is decided on case to case basis.

41) Capturing of injured elephants

Forest Department, sometimes, also capture wild elephants if they are found deeply injured or extremely sick, or when the life of the elephant is in danger by some accident or natural cause. In most of such times, the injured elephant is treated for its injury in situ in the wild with help of the Forest Veterinary Unit and released into the Forests. After the release the elephant is monitored by the field staff. Other measures, such as providing medicines placed in fruits and kept on the on the elephant

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movement paths. When the injured or a disabled is elephant found to be unable to support itself in the wild, those elephants are captured and brought to the captivity for providing medical treatment.

42) **Rescue of Orphaned calf elephants**

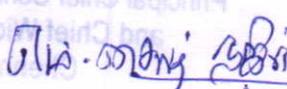
Forest Department also rescue calf elephants when they are found irreversibly separated from their mothers and fall out of the herd. Initially measures have been taken for reuniting the separated calf with the herd. In most of such times all possible efforts are made to reunite the calves with their herd. If such reunion of the calves does not succeed due to some reason, the calves are brought up to the Elephant Camps as they would survive on their own in the wild. Such calves are maintained with the other elephants in the camps using standard operating procedures.

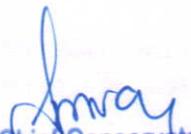
43) **Capturing Process**

The practice of capturing wild Asian elephants and then taming and training them for work originated approximately 4000 years ago as per the epical references. The *Matangaleela*, a rendition of the *Gajashastra*, by the Sanskrit poet Nilakanta, talks of five different techniques that can be used for capturing elephants—pens or stockades; using female elephants as bait; noosing the elephant; following the animal till it tires out and then restraining it; and placing a noose in a small pit and then attracting the elephant to the pit using food. Due to scientific advancements, the menaceful / injured elephants are captured using the tranquilization methods, where drugs are injected through the tranquilizing guns under the expert supervision of the Forest Veterinary Doctors with minimum trauma to the animal. The tranquilized elephants are taken into the camps through large vehicles with the help of the kumki elephants and they are maintained in the

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kraal during for treatment / taming. The injured elephants treated for their wound / disability before the taming or training process.

44) Process of Taming or training:-

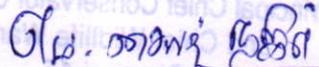
The method used for taming the captured elephant is human positive reinforcement or reward based training. In the elephant camps, there are local tribal communities used for taming of the elephants. In parts of the Nilgiris (Mudumalai Tiger Reserve), the communities involved are the Paniyas, Kurubas, Jainik-kurubas, Betta-kurubas, and sometimes, the Kattunaikkas. In Anamalai Tiger Reserve, the elephant trainers, and mahouts hail predominantly from the Malasar community, with a few individuals from the Kadar community.

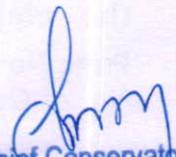
45) The traditional way of training an elephant involves establishing dominance through various methods. Forceful submission, the most common of these has drawn criticism globally. This method is mostly used during open training of the animals, a practice generally followed in Northeast India and Southeast Asia. During open training, the elephant has more opportunity to display resistance and aggression, potentially endangering the trainer's life. This method, therefore, leads to the animal being subject to more torture to control its behaviour.

46) Forest Department of Tamil Nadu only uses the closed training system, where the captured elephant is confined within a standard 12 feet x 12 feet kraal or a boma (Wooden enclosure). The floors of the kraals are made of wooden slats

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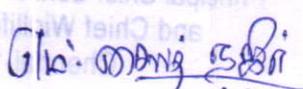

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with gaps in between that prevent them from becoming damp. The roof is made of tiles or sheets. A small tank or large drum of water is provided. It has been ensured that no sharp edges, nails present in the Kraal that could harm the elephant.

47) The elephant men use the same vocal and tactile commands and employ a mixture of positive reinforcement/rewards-based training. They have been trained for recognising the thin line between punishment and cruelty. Punishment in this context does not necessarily involve physically harming the animal. Rather, it is meant to prevent undesirable behaviour, such as charging at the mahout, displaying conspecific aggression, causing damage to property, or becoming unpredictable or disobedient at work. This 'punishment' can involve threatening the animal with loud or harsh vocal commands, showing the stick, splashing water on the elephant's face and, sometimes, mild physical punishment. More importantly, the elephant men (Mahouts) start the training process by feeding the animal. The first step is usually familiarisation with the mahout's voice, which is done through repeated verbal commands. Initially, a captured wild elephant will display aggressive behaviour, resistance and it will try to hit the wooden bars of the kraal. A raised voice, or a sudden dominance gesture by the mahout, usually prevents this. Once the elephant starts responding to the mahout positively, it

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begins to use its trunk to accept food and it is taught to obey the command 'Jharak!' by standing close to the bars of the kraal to take food (twigs, bamboo, grass stalks or sugarcane).

48) That, usually, in about 30 days, the animal would begin to accept the mahout's interventions and would take food directly from his hands. About a week later, after the mahout has further established his relationship with the elephant, he will enter the kraal to feed and to check the injuries of the elephant. For that a system called 'protected contact' is used, wherein the elephant is kept inside a larger enclosure and has minimal physical contact with the keeper, thereby avoiding risk.

49) That the ideal training method begins with the treatment by the Forest Veterinary Doctor for injuries and wounds of the elephant, if any. Then the elephant men (Mahout) proceeds with habituation of the elephant, which is a gradual process requiring much patience. Mahouts who lack the necessary patience often fail in this approach and hence necessary training and instructions have been provided by the Old and experienced mahouts. Gradual habituation through vocal and limited tactile communication through the bars of the kraal establishes a bond between the mahout and the animal. This method differs from others in that it does not push the

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tolerance limit of the animal. The emphasis is on winning the elephant's trust, not breaking its spirit.

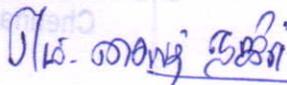
50) That while kraal training involves establishing a relationship between the elephant and the mahout and the elephant listening to the vocal and tactile commands of the mahout, it is important to have follow-up sessions for the elephant and its mahout to bond more deeply. Initially, the mahout will establish a daily routine of taking the animal to the river and having long scrubbing/bathing sessions, during which the mahout communicates with the animal. He will take the animal for walks and for fodder collection and keep its confinement to a minimum. The elephants in training are brought out and taken to the river with the help of kumkis and these sessions provide an opportunity for observational learning. During this initial period, the mahout, sitting atop the elephant, also slowly teaches the elephant foot commands.

51) That the rescued orphan calf elephants are not used in the taming process, as they quickly learn the process and closely bonded with the mahout very easily.

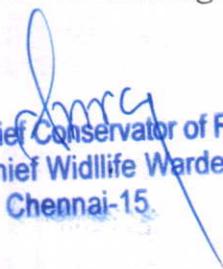
52) That the elephants captured for its injury / disability are first treated for their injuries before starting the taming process. Usually, the taming period varies for elephants, as the learning ability for the elephants differs. The process of taming

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has become more advanced these days and the elephants are treated scientifically and psychologically by the Forest Veterinary Doctors.

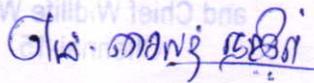
53) Illegal Transfer of elephants.

That the Tamil Nadu Forest Department has not traded any Captive Elephants against the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 and Tamil Nadu Captive Elephant (Management & Maintenance) Rules, 2011 and guidelines issued by the Government of India. As per the act in force, ownership of the Captive Elephant can only be by inheritance or acquisition by Government agencies by captive transfer.

54) That the owners of 28 Captive Elephants in Tamil Nadu are reported to have other State Ownership Certificates. The Captive Elephants are transported to Tamil Nadu by Transit Permit for the limited period and overstayed in Tamil Nadu and not returned to their state of origin. After certain period, the temple or private person applies for Ownership Certificate in the State of Tamil Nadu, which is not permissible under the act. It is also submitted that measures have been taken for returning the other State elephants to the state of origin.

55) That as per the section 40 (2) of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, viz

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(2) No person shall, after the commencement of this Act, acquire, receive, keep in his control, custody or possession, sell, offer for sale or otherwise transfer or transport any animal specified in Schedule I or Part II of Schedule II or any uncured trophy or meat derived from such animal, or the salted or dried skins of such animal or the musk of a musk deer or the horn of a rhinoceros, except with the previous permission in writing of the Chief Wild Life Warden or the authorised officer.

(2A) No person other than a person having a certificate of ownership, shall, after the commencement of the Wild Life (Protection) Amendment Act, 2002 (16 of 2003) acquire, receive, keep in his control, custody or possession any captive animal, animal article, trophy or uncured trophy specified in Schedule I or Part II of Schedule II, except by way of inheritance.

(2B) Every person inheriting any captive animal, animal article, trophy or uncured trophy under sub-section (2A) shall, within ninety days of such inheritance make a declaration to the Chief Wild Life Warden or the authorised officer and the provisions of sections 41 and 42 shall apply as if the declaration had been made under sub-section (1) of section 40:

(Provided that nothing in sub-sections (2A) and (2B) shall apply to the live elephant.)

56. That as per section 43 (1) of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972,

“43. Regulation of transfer of animal, etc.—(1) No person having in his possession captive animal, animal article, trophy or uncured trophy in respect of which he has a certificate of ownership shall transfer by way of sale or offer for sale or by any other mode of consideration of commercial nature, such animal or article or trophy or uncured trophy.”

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57) That following clarification has been sought from the Government of India.

1. As per Section 40 (2) of Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, there is a provision for sale of Schedule - I captive animal with the previous permission of Chief Wildlife Warden. However, the same has been subsequently appended with another Section 40 (2A) of Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 limiting the transfer only by way of inheritance in respect of Schedule - I captive animals excepting live elephant; implying live elephants still would be governed by the spirit of original Section 40 (2) of Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 .
2. But Section 43 (1) of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, again places embargo on any sort of sale or by any mode of commercial nature, such transfer of Schedule - I captive animal which covers live elephant. To circumvent this embargo, many requests of transfer by way of gift are presented in respect of live elephant.
3. Necessary clarification as to the transfer of elephants by way of sale (as per Section 40 (2)) or by way of gift (as per Section 43 (1)) has been sought from the Government of India within the ambit of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.

58) That as per Section 3 of the Tamil Nadu Captive Elephant (Management & Maintenance) Rules, 2011,

“The elephant donated to the temple should be in good health condition and that should be accepted only after obtaining prior permission of the Chief Wildlife Warden. Whenever an elephant is donated by private individuals or institutions to the temples, the State Level Committee appointed by Government shall scrutinize the

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application regarding health, age and pedigree of the elephant and the infrastructure facilities, and the financial position of the temple and the donor and recommend to the Chief Wildlife Warden for consideration and passing appropriate orders under Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 (Central Act 53 of 1972). The State Level Committee should also take into account, whether the donor would be able to meet out the annual maintenance cost as claimed by Temple authorities or in consolidated amount for several years together as one payment in the beginning.”

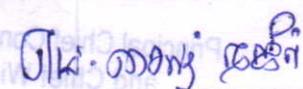
59) That there are no legal provision for transfer of Ownership Certificate in the Tamil Nadu Captive Elephant (Management & Maintenance) Rules, 2011 and hence the Ownership Certificate is not issued for the Captive Elephants that are brought from other States.

60) Cruelty to Captive Elephants

That the Captive Elephants (both temple and private elephants) in Tamil Nadu are governed by Tamil Nadu Captive Elephant (Management & Maintenance) Rules, 2011 and under that the captive elephants are inspected regularly by the Forest Officials and Veterinary Doctors and instructions for maintenance are regularly given to the mahout and cavadies during the inspection. Appropriate strict action is taken against the defaulters who maintain the elephants improperly and indulge in ill-treatment of the elephants. Such regulation is backed up by the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, Tamil Nadu Captive Elephant (Management & Maintenance) Rules, 2011 and the guidelines issued on maintenance of Captive Elephants by the Government of India, etc.

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61) That the injured / disabled Captive Elephants are generally brought to the Elephant Rescue and Rehabilitation Center, M.R. Palayam, Trichy for veterinary care and maintenance.

62) That according to the scientific research and recorded evidences, Captive Elephants have greater lifespan than the wild elephant, as the Captive Elephants get veterinary care and regular food with sometimes food supplements. Small injury or a wound to wild elephants could become serious and therefore are treated when noticed and reported. The Forest Department field staff monitor the wild elephants continuously and when an injury is noticed, the elephant is treated as stated in para no. 41.

63) Having said so, I pray before the Hon'ble Court to accept the status report and pass further orders or any other orders that may be deemed fit and appropriate according to the circumstances of the case for resolving the matter and rendering justice.

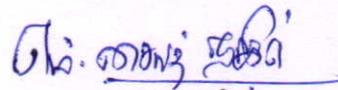
Solemnly affirmed at Chennai

On this 20th day of October 2021

and signed his name in my presence


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